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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NACCFM, NEW DELHI, APRIL 6-11

1. DURING MARCH 29 CALL ON BOTSWANA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
MOGWE, I RAISED FORTHCOMING NACCFM MEETING IN NEW DELHI.
MOGWE, WHO WILL ATTEND NACCFM ALONG WITH UN PERM REP THOMAS
TLOU, MADE OBSERVATIONS ON TWO TOPICS:

A. KOREA: THERE WILL LIKELY BE "NO CHANGE" FROM LINE-UP AT
CONCLUSION OF COLOMBO MEETING. (MOGWE DID NOT GET INTO SPECIFICS
OF GOB POSITION ON KOREA WHICH REMAINS THAT ALL FOREIGN
TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT "KOREAN
PEOPLE" SHOULD REACH SETTLEMENT WITHOUT
OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.)

B. PUERTO RICO: GOB AWARE OF NOVEMBER ELECTION RESULTS AND
IS "SATISFIED" THAT PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY
FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. BOTSWANA "CERTAINLY NOT ABOUT TO
DISREGARD" WISHES OF 94 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO OPPOSE
INDEPENDENCE.

2. MOGWE DID NOT EXPRESS OPINIONS ON OTHER ISSUES RAISED
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REFTEL, I.E., MIDDLE EAST, COMMON FUND AND ARMS CONTROL.

3. COMMENTING ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(NAM) MEETINGS, MOGWE LAMENTED FACT THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES
PROBABLY IGNORE PROCEEDINGS WHILE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES
LIKE USSR, YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS APPEAR TO TAKE A KEEN
INTEREST. TO ILLUSTRATE, MOGWE MENTIONED THE PRACTICE OF

"SOCIALISTS" SENDING TELEGRAMS OF BEST WISHES THAT ARE OFTEN READ FROM THE PODIUM. (THIS WAS ALSO THE CASE AT THE RECENT CAIRO MEETING, HE NOTED.) NO SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WISHES ARE RECEIVED FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES. MOGWE SAID HE REALIZED THESE ARE PRO FORMA, BUT INSISTED THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANCE IN CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NON-ALIGNED AND THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES SHARE CONCERNS AND VIEWS ON MOST ISSUES. SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES, MOGWE ADDED, NOW AUTOMATICALLY "EQUATE SOCIALIST WITH PROGRESSIVE".

4. COMMENT: MOGWE'S COMMENT ABOUT THE WEST'S PUBLIC POSTURE OF "DISINTEREST" IN NAM WOULD APPEAR TO MERIT CONSIDERATION, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE SAID THIS WEAKENED HAND OF NON-ALIGNED MODERATES. WE ARE NOT INFORMED ABOUT PRESENT PRACTICE. IN ABSENCE OF STRONG REASONS TO THE CONTRARY, HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO NACCFM MEETING IN NEW DELHI.

5. FOR NEW DELHI: BOTH MOGWE AND TLOU ARE QUITE APPROACHABLE. MOGWE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND, ASSUMING APPROACH IS DISCREET, IS WILLING TO TALK -- AS ATTESTED BY OUR OBSERVERS AT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA.
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